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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the above application as set forth below prior to examination.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-54. Add the following claims:

55. (New) Matable electrical connectors comprising:

(a) a receptacle comprising an insulative receptacle housing having at least one conductive receptacle contact, said receptacle contact comprising a pair of spaced walls forming therebetween a plug contact receiving space; and

(b) a plug comprising an insulative plug housing having at least one conductive plug contact, said plug contact comprising a pair of spaced walls, said spaced walls each having a plate extending therefrom, said plates forming a projecting section engageable in the plug receiving space of the receptacle contact, said plates being opposed and spaced from each other by a distance less than a distance between said walls, said projecting section forming an unobstructed medial air gap.

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